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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SMOOTH ONE

HARMONY PREVAILED DURING EVERY MINUTE THAT IT WAS IN SESSION.

Delegates to State Convention Selected

At the Republican County Convention held in Ithaca on Thursday, the Republicans of the county in their resolutions endorsed the administration, dispatched a telegram of felicitation and congratulation to the Honorable Joseph W. Fordney, retiring congressman from this district; heard a few remarks from the Honorable A. B. Darragh, former congressman, who attended the convention in spite of his 83 years, and wound up the day by the selection of thirteen delegates to the state convention at Muskegon.

The convention was called to order shortly after 11:00 a. m. by O. L. Smith, chairman of the county committee. The call for the convention was read by J. C. Chick, secretary. H. S. Babcock of Alma was chosen by the convention as the temporary chairman, and Willis G. West of St. Louis, as the temporary secretary. Motions were made asking for the selection of committees of three members on credentials, resolutions, permanent organization and order of business. These were appointed by the chair as follows:

Credentials—Thomas J. Clark, Arthur Murphy and R. McCall. Resolutions—C. W. Giddings, J. C. Chambers and Jotham Allen.

Permanent organization and order of business—A. R. Wheeler, E. W. Mulholland and Win E. Wilson. With the appointment of the committees the convention adjourned until 1:00 p. m.

When the convention re-convened the reports of the credentials committee were read and approved. It indicated that a number of the townships were not represented in the convention. Only 72 out of 186 delegates were present as follows: Alma 37, St. Louis 11, Ithaca township 8, Wheeler 5, Sumner 3, Pine River 3, Lafayette 2, Newark 2, and Bethany 1.

The committee on permanent organization and order of business made the following report: "Your committee on permanent organization and order of business begs leave to recommend that the temporary organization be made be the order of business."

"First—Appointment of two tellers by the chairman. "Second—Election of thirteen delegates to the state convention at Muskegon to be held September 27. "Third—Report of committee on resolutions."

"Fourth—Under the present law the nominees have the selection of the county committee to conduct the campaign. We recommend the nominees be requested to report the names of such committee selected by them to his convention. (Signed) A. R. Wheeler, W. E. Wilson, E. W. Mulholland."

The report on motion was accepted and adopted by the convention. O. L. Smith, retiring chairman of the county committee then explained that it might be impossible for the nominees to make the report of the county committee selections asked for, as some of the candidates were out in the county and the others did not desire to take the responsibility of the appointments without first consulting with all of the nominees.

The chairman appointed R. McCall and Joseph E. Sartor, Jr., as tellers. The election of delegates to the state Republican convention was then held and the following delegates were selected: Ezra L. Smith of Alma, chairman; Arthur Murphy of Sumner township; Dr. A. R. Wheeler of St. Louis; J. M. Montigel of Alma, Charles E. Watson of Breckenridge; Harvey Thompson of Ithaca, H. S. Babcock of Alma, George Sharrar of Alma, E. W. Mulholland of Newark township, C. W. Giddings of St. Louis, John R. Hudson of Middleton, Romaine Clark of Ithaca and Marley Slingsuff of Elwell.

The convention then decided to hear a resolution prepared by Marcus Pollasky, which was as follows:

"Hon. Joseph W. Fordney, Representative in congress from the Eighth Michigan District and Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Washington, D. C.

"Patriotic Gratiot County through representatives now in session at a regular county convention, sends hearty felicitation, congratulating you and the great American Republic as well upon the happy consummation (Continued on page two)

ALMA TO CHANGE BACK TO CENTRAL TIME ON SUNDAY

By resolution passed by the city commission Tuesday evening the City of Alma, which has been operating on Eastern Standard time during the summer months, will go back to Central Standard time at midnight, October 1.

According to the resolution, which will be found in the commission proceedings elsewhere in this issue, the change back to Central time will come at midnight Sunday night. It is important that the people of the city turn their clocks back Sunday evening, one hour, so that mixups in time will not occur Monday.

Ferris, Cummins Speak in Alma

Tuesday evening after they had spent the afternoon in Ithaca and St. Louis, where they made addresses, Woodbridge N. Ferris and Cummins, Democratic candidates for United States Senator and for Governor, respectively, were in Alma and gave addresses at the high school, the auditorium of which had been secured for the purpose.

A good crowd turned out to hear the speakers, especially Mr. Ferris, who is well known in this city. The addresses of the two men were warmly applauded by the Democrats who were present.

In the addresses the two men took up the issues of the campaign in Michigan this fall, Ferris turning a forcible broadside on the national issues of the campaign, while Mr. Cummins directed his attention and that of the audience to the affairs of the state.

NEW LIBRARY STACK ROOM

IS NOW SEEN AS EARLY NEED FOR CROWDED ALMA LIBRARY.

A new stack room for the Alma College library is now seen as an early need at Alma's rapidly growing school for higher education, and architects will soon start work on plans for such a building to be erected just to the west of the present library building, and adjoining the museum, which will probably cost the college in the neighborhood of \$40,000. The new stack room when constructed, which will not be for a year at least, however, will be entirely fireproof.

Few people realize the size and the importance of the Alma College library in the state. It is the fourth library in size in the educational institutions of Michigan, being exceeded in size only by the libraries at the University of Michigan, The Michigan Agricultural College and the Michigan State Normal. It is the largest library that any of the non-state educational institutions can boast.

During the past year work of recataloging the library was put under way by Miss Annette P. Ward, the librarian, and is still far from being completed. It is being re-cataloged after the congressional system. The library contains many well-known collections, the Cooper collection, the Kneeland collection, the Elliott collection, the Barkley collection just willed to the college, and the famous Logyyear collection of Bibles. In this latter collection are found Bibles in numerous different tongues. It is a collection, that is not much used by the students because of the varieties of languages in which the various Bibles are printed, but that does not lessen the fact that it is a very notable collection for the kind.

GIVEN A SURPRISE

Last Thursday evening when Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Duffey returned from the Thursday evening church service at the M. E. church, they were pleasantly surprised to discover that their darkened home, left so when they started for church, was crowded with members of the congregation from the church, all of them eager to express their warm satisfaction over the fact that Rev. Duffey has been returned to the Alma church for another year. A very pleasantly evening was enjoyed by the members of the church, and the surprise that greeted Rev. and Mrs. Duffey was a complete one.

SALE CLOSES

This is your last chance to buy U. S. Treasury Savings Certificates at the old price, netting you 4 1/2% interest. Non-taxable, in denominations of \$20, \$50, to \$1,000. October 1st they will be advanced to \$20.50, \$52, to \$1,020, respectively. This item is worthy of your investigation at the local postoffice. Call for information regarding these certificates. F. O. Parker, P.M.

A NEW HEATING PLANT SOON AT ALMA COLLEGE

PREXY WEARIES OF QUESTION, "HOW SOON WILL WE HAVE HEAT?"

A New Place to Paint Numerals

A new heating plant is being installed at Alma College which will have double the capacity of the old plant, and these days with their somewhat chilly mornings are not being overly well enjoyed by some of the students and by President Crooks in particular, because of the hundreds of times each day that he is being asked, "How soon will the new plant be ready?"

It will be with pangs of real regret that members of classes of days gone by, whose numerals stand out boldly on the brick smoke stack, will hear that the old stack is to pass away, and be replaced by a new one. This news comes as a source of joy to the new classes, however, as it will now be possible for them to paint their numerals upon the stack, by which the classes of the coming years may remember and recall some of the dare-devil spirits, who risked life and limb to paint their numerals at the top.

The new heating plant is to have three boilers, whereas the old one had only two. Each is capable of furnishing more steam than the old ones and the three will furnish double the capacity of the old plant. The new plant is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

Just when the new plant will be ready to furnish steam heat is not definitely known. President Crooks' best judgment, judging from the numerous answers to as many numerous questions is, "It won't be ready today."

M. A. C. Opens for Sixty-Sixth Year

When classes met at the Michigan Agricultural College on Wednesday, Sept. 27, the state institution opened its doors to the young men and women of the state for the sixty-sixth consecutive year. Early enrollment figures were large, and it is expected when the late registrations are all checked the attendance figures will equal or surpass last year's record-breaking total of more than 1,600 regular, or four-year students.

As in former years, agricultural and engineering divisions continue to lead in the number of students enrolled, while home economics, applied science, forestry, and veterinary medicine follow with generous shares of the total registration.

This fall marks the opening of the first full year under the administration of President David Friday and Secretary H. H. Halladay, new executives of the college, under whose guidance the traditions of M. A. C., the oldest agricultural college in the world, are expected to be broadened and expanded into a new era of achievement.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Alma, Mich., on October 14, 1922, to fill the position of rural carrier at Crystal, Mich., and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from that post office. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard daily wagon route of 24 miles is \$1,800 per annum, with an additional \$30 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 24 miles. The salary on motor routes ranges from \$2,450 to \$2,600 per annum, according to length. Separate examinations for motor routes and wagon routes are no longer held. Appointments to both positions will be made from the same register. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of the post office where the vacancy exists and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Women will not be considered for rural carrier appointment unless they are the widows of U. S. soldiers, sailors, or marines, or the wives of U. S. soldiers, sailors, or marines who are physically disqualified for examination by reason of injuries received in the line of military duty. Form 1977 and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practicable date.

CITY WIDE RELIGIOUS RALLY

The churches of Alma belonging to the Alma Federation of Churches have united in holding a city-wide religious rally on next Sunday, Oct. 1. Each church will arrange its own program for the services of that day and all unite in issuing a call to their entire membership and congregation to be present upon that day in the church of their choice, bringing with them as many friends as possible who have not been in the habit of attending any church regularly.

The go-to-church habit is an excellent habit to form, for everyone needs the uplifting and restful influence which is obtained through the regular church attendance as well as the social contact gained thereby, and the religious instruction so freely offered. We cannot afford to stay away from church.

On the following Sunday, Oct. 8, a religious census will be made of the entire city by volunteer workers who will visit every home in the city to invite the inmates to attend church.

COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SELECTED

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE WAS CHOSEN FOLLOWING CONVENTION THURSDAY.

Under a new law passed by the state legislature, the Republican nominees for county office met the latter part of last week and named the Republican County Committee for the coming two years.

Recommendations relative to the make up of the committee were adopted by caucuses of the Alma, St. Louis and Breckenridge delegates to the Republican County Convention Thursday and submitted to the candidates for office on the county Republican ticket. Following the convention the candidates met and named the county committee as provided under the new law.

James G. Kress of Ithaca was named as chairman. Mrs. Nellie Scattergood of Alma was the choice of the nominees for vice chairman and John C. Chick was selected as secretary. Henry Mead of Breckenridge was the choice for treasurer of the committee.

The committee members for the various townships, wards and voting precincts were selected as follows:

Alma, first ward, first precinct—J. E. Fuller and Mrs. E. L. Smith. Alma, 1st ward, second precinct—Burton Hopkins and Mrs. Flora Howlett.

Alma, second ward, first precinct—Homer Dunham and Mrs. J. M. Montigel.

Alma, second ward, second precinct—Chet Knight and Mrs. J. P. Losey. Alma, third ward—H. S. Babcock and Mrs. Nevada Rockwell.

Alma, fourth ward—Floyd Glass and Mrs. Orville Allen.

St. Louis, first ward—Ed Grice and Mrs. Viola Pettit.

St. Louis, second ward—A. B. Darragh and Viola Giddings.

St. Louis, third ward—Fred Zuber and Mrs. Arthur McNabb.

St. Louis, fourth ward—Otto Mey and Vere Munn.

Arcadia township—Earl Kuhlman and Mrs. Zilla Church.

Bethany township—Ralph Kline and Lillian Hastings.

Elba township, first precinct—Russell Farnum and Gertrude Lewis.

Elba township, second precinct—A. F. Ryder and Mrs. H. J. Smith.

Emerson township—George Gidley and Iva Allen.

Fulton township—Bert Carson and Kate Pierce.

Hamilton township—Charles Derry and Mrs. C. H. Putnam.

Ithaca—C. J. Chambers, Warren Stahl, Romaine McCall, Mrs. Rena Cowdrey and Mrs. C. E. Burk.

Lafayette township—B. M. Becker and Mrs. F. F. Webb.

Newark township—Everet Mulholland and Mrs. Vern Tracy.

New Haven township—Charles Corry and Mrs. D. G. Locke.

North Star township—Ransom Munson and Mrs. Abbie Mellinger.

Pine River township—George Towersey and Mrs. Don Hayes.

Seville township—Arthur Murphy and Mrs. Bertha Cleverdon.

Washington township—Lewis Crowell and Mrs. Bion Dodge.

Wheeler, Wheeler precinct—John Young and Mrs. Clara Folkert.

Wheeler, Breckenridge precinct—W. O. Watson and Frank Oberst.

"THE STREAM OF LIFE"

This great moving picture will be shown on the screen at Eastminster Chapel on Sunday night, Oct. 1, at 7:30 o'clock. It was shown in the M. E. Church last year and attracted much favorable comment from the crowds who saw it. If you have not yet seen this telling life story be sure and see it Sunday night. If you saw it last year you will want to renew your acquaintance with it and carry away the new lessons it conveys to every audience. Rev. Gelston is sparing no expense to give us this worth while Sunday evening service.

FREE SHOWS TO BE GIVEN ON SATURDAY

MERCHANTS OF ALMA TO ENTERTAIN FRIENDS AT THE STRAND THEATRE.

Entertainments in The Afternoons

Through an arrangement which has just been made in this city, it has been announced by the management of the Strand theatre, through C. A. Miller, that this popular show house, central Michigan's finest, will give a free show every Saturday afternoon from 1:30 until 5:30 o'clock for the benefit of the farmers and others in this vicinity.

Due to the change in the weather conditions it was recently found necessary to discontinue the free vaudeville entertainments that were being given by the Alma Merchants Bureau for the benefit of the friends of local business men in this vicinity and they had become so popular that the business men cast around for another good means of entertaining their friends.

This has decided them to try out the matter of a Saturday afternoon entertainment at the theatre for their friends for the coming few weeks and the Alma merchants got together with Mr. Miller and arranged for a good high class attraction to be shown for their benefit each Saturday afternoon for the coming weeks.

Whether or not the entertainments at the Strand theatre will be continued after the first period of five weeks will depend, it is understood, upon how well these shows are patronized and how well the farmers and friends of the Alma business men in this vicinity enjoy them.

To Open School of Dancing Here

Professor Fivenson for seven years Director of Ballroom dancing at the Auditorium at Saginaw, Michigan, will open a school of dancing at the Elks' Temple, Alma, Mich., on next Thursday, evening, October 5th.

He will confine his classes to a course of instruction which will continue for about fifteen weeks. Professor Fivenson comes here well experienced and highly recommended. He was in Alma last week making preparations for the opening of the classes. He consulted the older as well as the younger set, and expressed himself as more than pleased with the enthusiasm shown. The new dances have become very popular among the married people all over the country. The popularity of the light fantastic among the other cities is evidenced by the large classes in attendance. Dancing has no age limit.

The beneficial effects of the dance are very apparent. It allows for a mild and yet sufficient amount of physical exercise, combined with the very important factor of having that exercise performed in a rhythmic way.

Mr. Fudd, Chief examiner of the Municipal Service Commission of New York City, in a recent report advocated dancing for everyone whose occupation kept them busy during the day, and particularly for those who were most tired at the end of a day's labor. He found that the exercise and the inspiring music helped them materially both physically and mentally.

"Technique of dancing teaches bodily control, rhythm in music, mental quickness, agility, grace, muscular strength, and even respiratory strength," said Professor Fivenson.

PUBLIC NIGHT SCHOOL Study Shorthand and Bookkeeping at Night.

A public night school will be organized in Room 10 of the High School Building, Monday evening, October 2nd, at 7 o'clock.

The following courses will be offered: A Stenographic Course, consisting of Gregg Shorthand, Touch Typewriting, and Business English. A Bookkeeping Course consisting of Bookkeeping, Business Arithmetic and Business Law.

Classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30. Tuition, \$4.00 per month, payable in advance.

Students attending classes regularly can complete either the Bookkeeping or Stenographic Course during the present School Year.—71-2wc

BAKED GOODS SALE

The M. E. Church Foreign Missionary Society will hold a baked goods sale at G. V. Wright's store on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Get a handy package of scratch pads at the Record office. You will find them handy for the grocery list.—advertisement

Former Business Man is Married

Thursday night, September 21st, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. J. Will Noyes and Mrs. Myrta Keltner were united in the bonds of matrimony.

Mr. Noyes came to Alma from Hillsdale last January, being a partner in the Star Cleaning and Dyeing works of this city. Mrs. Keltner came here a few months ago from Allegan where she was engaged as a trimmer in the millinery business serving as office clerk in the Star Cleaning and Dyeing works of this city. Formerly she was associated with the Gaffney Style Shop of this city.

Rev. E. E. Shouffler officiated. A brief ring ceremony was used, the marriage taking place at the Minister's residence, 123 W. Downie street.

After the wedding the happy couple started on a short honeymoon. They will make their home in South Bend, Indiana, where Mr. Noyes has a position as Superintendent of the B. B. Cleaning and Dyeing establishment of that city.

This community joins in wishing them success and happiness.

PATRIOTIC RALLY

A patriotic rally will be held in the East Superior Christian Church Tuesday evening, Oct. 10. America's rapid fire civic evangelist, Dr. James S. McGaw, of Pittsburgh, Pa., will speak. Mr. McGaw is touring this county in the interest of the Bible School in the public school. He travels under auspices of the National Reform Association and is highly recommended to all who desire to hear a really worth while lecture. He has a wonderful grasp of existing conditions in our national life. He is always interesting, instructive and inspiring. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

VINCENT GAINING IN THE RECOUNT

ENTIRE PRECINCT THROWN OUT IN SHIAWASSEE GIVING BIGGER EDGE.

The recount on the primary election returns in the Eighth Congressional district is still on, but should be completed within the next few days. It is apparently completed throughout the district except for Saginaw county and so far the recount has shown a gain in votes for Bird J. Vincent, the Saginaw candidate, who on the face of the official returns had been nominated over William M. Smith of St. Johns.

The recount in Clinton county showed a net gain for William M. Smith of one vote, when it had been brought to completion. John Baird of Saginaw, who watched the recount in that county is understood to have protested the vote of the fourth ward of St. Johns, claiming that the envelope in which the ballots were enclosed had been torn open, according to a recent Saginaw paper.

In Gratiot County the recount was stopped after less than a dozen of the precincts had been counted, after which the board adjourned until later. It is understood that the recount as far as it went in this county showed a gain of ten votes for Vincent.

Monday the recount was finished in Montcalm county, where William M. Smith lost five votes.

Ionia county is said to have shown a gain of a single vote for Vincent over Smith.

In Shiawassee county it is reported, Vincent made a big gain, when Smith lost a plurality of 62 votes in precinct one of Hazelton township, the entire vote of the precinct being thrown out because the ballots were not initialed. Up to that time, Monday afternoon, the vote in the precincts recounted have not changed from the official figure. Objection was then raised to the counting of any more votes because no record had been kept of the metallic seals. The objection was sustained by the canvassing board.

The count in Saginaw county is still in progress, with Smith gaining a vote or two in some precincts on clerical errors and Vincent offsetting these gains in other precincts through similar errors. At present Vincent has made a good gain in that county.

Vincent's total gain in the recount as far as it has progressed has been in the neighborhood of 70 votes, and unless some very radical error is now discovered in Saginaw county there is no question but what he is the nominee of the Eighth district Republicans. Wednesday night the entire vote showed Vincent 207 ahead.

FORDNEY TO SPEAK

The Hon. Joseph W. Fordney, congressman from the Eighth District, of Michigan, Bird J. Vincent of Saginaw, and the Hon. Samuel Jones, congressman from the state of Washington, will speak at Brown's opera house, Ithaca, on Saturday evening, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m. Music will be furnished by the Ithaca band.

SUGAR FACTORY CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN SHORTLY

RUN THIS YEAR IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR APPROXIMATELY 75 DAYS.

To Slice 80,000 Tons of Beets

The Alma Plant of the Michigan Sugar Company will start operations, probably between October 8 and 12, and nearly everything is now ready for the start of the annual campaign of beet slicing and sugar production.

During the past summer needed repairs around the factory were made and everything is now in first class shape for the starting of the campaign except possibly for coal. The entire amount of coal that is needed for the run has not yet arrived, but the fuel is now being rapidly received by the Alma Plant and no trouble is expected to result from a possible shortage of fuel during the run. There is a large tonnage of coal now on hand and the balance that will be needed for the run will be on hand very soon.

Manager Jotham Allen of the Alma Plant said Tuesday that it was expected that the local company would have approximately 50,000 tons of its own beets that are under contract, to slice during the coming campaign. There is every expectation that in the neighborhood of 30,000 tons of beets will be shipped in to the Alma Plant from other points to be sliced and made into sugar here.

If the outside beets are shipped to the local plant as is now planned the campaign of the Alma factory this year will last for approximately 75 days.

This means that thousands of dollars will be paid out to farmers in this vicinity for beets this year, much of which will, of course, ultimately find its way into the business channels of the city and the towns in this vicinity.

The payroll of the Alma plant, which uses several hundred men during the campaign, in its two shifts, will also run way up into the thousands of dollars and a goodly amount of this money is certain to find its way into the business channels of Alma and vicinity.

Annual Reception to the Teachers

The annual reception to the teachers of the city will be given by the Federation of Churches in the Christian Church on East Superior street at 8 p. m. Friday of this week. All citizens are invited to come and make Alma's welcome to her pedagogues a warm one.

Under the able leadership of Mrs. Paul Crandell the arrangement committee has prepared the following programme.

The Acquaintance Sack. Words of welcome—Rev. W. L. Gelston.

Violin Duet—Messrs. Bistine and Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Davis.

Readings—Miss Rea Joy Stinson. Violin Solo—Russell Johnson accompanied by Miss Louise Barstow.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Wm. Davis. Piano Solo—Miss Melba Spinney.

Old Time Songs led by Mr. Fred Fadden; Miss Zinn at the piano. Games in charge of Mr. May.

Refreshments.

It is the committee's request that everyone come with the purpose of having a good time. The reception is to be informal and excessive dignity will not be needed.

Laurense, College Trustee, is Dead

Leonard Laurense, of Detroit, a trustee of Alma College for many years, passed away at his home in that city last week after a long illness, making the second trustee that the College has lost by death during the past forty days, the other also being a Detroit, Dr. James Barkley, who was the chairman of the Alma board.

Never a year went by at Alma College but that at Christmas time Mr. Laurense remembered the faculty members and students of the college. Each faculty member and student annually received a calendar from this member of the board, even during the past two years when he had been in very poor health. It is said by the college authorities that until two years ago, no trustee displayed a better record in attendance at meetings of the board than did the late Detroit.

Cider barrels for sale. Superior Bakery—advertisement. 70-2wks.